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\$257,718 “Carolina Cash 5” Jackpot Is No April Fool’s Joke for Hickory Man

-Gastonia Man Wins \$200,000 “Double Cash Blowout” Top Prize-

RALEIGH-Charles Bramlett of **Hickory** says he felt lucky on April 1, so he decided to play the North Carolina Education Lottery’s (NCEL) “Carolina Cash 5” game. The five random numbers he picked turned out to be lucky indeed—he matched all five white balls and won the \$257,718 jackpot!

Bramlett purchased his winning ticket at the Ritaurani #1 on Lenoir Rhyne Boulevard in Hickory. He says when he told people he’d won, they didn’t believe him since it was April Fool’s Day. Bramlett’s wife believed him, though, and they “celebrated for an hour” after finding out they had won.

Bobby Wallace of **Gastonia** says “Double Cash Blowout” is his lucky game. Having won the \$50 prize on past tickets he’d purchased, he decided to “stick with it” and see if he could win more. His dedication paid off, and he won the \$200,000 top prize!

Wallace purchased his winning instant-scratch off ticket at the Food Lion #106 on Little Rock Road in **Charlotte**. He plans to use his winnings to take care of his family and maybe buy a house.

Three North Carolina Powerball players won big prizes in last night’s Powerball drawing. One ticket matched all five white balls and is worth \$200,000. This ticket was sold at the Kangaroo Express #3196 on National Highway in **Thomasville**. Two tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at the Food Lion #150 on University South Parkway in **Durham** and the Poco Shop #4 on South Main Street in **Raeford**.

A total of 38,381 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, April 2, drawing, ranging from \$200,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$560,709. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the estimated jackpot for the Saturday, April 5, drawing is \$57 million.

The NCEL has paid out more than \$5.9 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, March 31. Also since Monday, “Carolina Cash 5” players have won more than \$375,000 and “Carolina Pick 3” players have won nearly \$485,000 in prizes.

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Winner in the April 1 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Charles Bramlett	Hickory	\$257,718	Ritaurani #1 311 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd., Hickory

Winners in the April 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Unknown		\$200,000	Kangaroo Express #3196 705 National Hwy., Thomasville

Unknown		\$10,000	Food Lion #150 4215 S. University South Pkwy., Durham
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Unknown		\$10,000	Poco Shop #4 103 S. Main St., Raeford
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Winner in the March 29 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Keith Henderson	LaGrange	\$10,000	A & R Super Stop 1701 Neuse Blvd., New Bern

Winner in the March 15 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Karen Imhoff	Greenville	\$10,000	Kroger #358 3040 Evans St., Greenville

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Bobby Wallace	Gastonia	\$200,000	"Double Cash Blowout"
Bradley Brothers	Kannapolis	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Jerry Whitlock	Creedmoor	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Jan Woodard	Garner	\$10,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
George Brice	Cameron	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Amelia Collins	Wilmington	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Nichelle Mayes	Belmont	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"
Mary Shelton	Greensboro	\$5,000	"\$150,000 Cash Zone"
Chelle Sunderland	Hampstead	\$5,000	"\$100 Million Cash Spectacular"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	116

Powerball Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$1 Million - \$200,000	101
\$50,000 - \$10,000	580

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.